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SUBJECT: CULCON: JOINT COMMITTEE MEETING

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1. JAPANESE DELEGATION NOW STANDS AT FOURTEEN. LIST AS
PRESENTLY KNOWN:

YOSHINORI MAEDA (CHAIRMAN), HONORARY ADVISOR AND
FORMER PRESIDENT OF NHK; UN UNIV. MEMBER OF BOARD
OF COUNCILLORS.

MASAAKI KASAGI, DEPUTY SECRETARY-GENERAL, SHIMBUN
KYOKAI.

MAKOTO SAITO, HEPBURN PROFESSOR OF AMERICAN HISTORY,
TOKYO UNIVERSITY.

ISAO AMAGI, SPECIAL ADVISOR TO THE MINISTER OF
EDUCATION.

NAOYA UCHIMURA, PLAYWRIGHT.

TADASHI YOSHIDA, SPECIAL ASST. TO PRESIDENT, NHK.

HISANARI YAMADA, DIET MEMBER

TADASHI UCHIYAMA, DEPUTY COMMISSIONER, AGENCY
FOR CULTURAL AFFAIRS.

TADASHI INUMARU, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, THE JAPAN
FOUNDATION.

SHINSUKE HORI, DIRECTOR-GENERAL, CULTURAL AFFAIRS
DEPARTMENT, MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS.

TAKESHI KAGAMI, STAFF, FIRST CULTURAL AFFAIRS
DIVISION, CULTURAL AFFAIRS DEPT., MINISTRY OF
FOREIGN AFFAIRS.

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HAHIME NISHIMIYA, DIRECTOR, DEPT. OF UNESCO AND
INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS, MINISTRY OF EDUCATION
(OR HIROSHI KIDA, DIRECTOR-GENERAL, SCIENCE
AND INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS BUREAU, MINISTRY

OF EDUCATION).

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PLUS ONE MORE POSSIBLE DELEGATE FROM MINISTRY OF EDUCATION, NOT YET SELECTED.

2. JAPANESE HAVE NO OBJECTION TO THE AMERICAN PROPOSAL TO INVITE MEMBERS OF THE WORKING PRESS TO ATTEND CULCON SESSIONS IN ORDER TO WRITE FEATURE STORIES. THEY ARE NOT ENTHUSIASTIC ABOUT OUR IDEA, HOWEVER, AND THEY DO NOT PLAN TO INVITE ANY JAPANESE PRESS REPRESENTATIVES. THEY RECOGNIZE THAT IF MEETING IS OPEN TO NON-PARTICIPANTS AND THAT IF THEY GET REQUESTS FROM JAPANESE PRESS, THEY WILL HAVE TO LET THEM IN. THEY NOTE THERE WAS VERY LITTLE JAPANESE PRESS INTEREST IN CULCON VII. THEY CAN SEE THE BENEFIT IN OPENING THE DOOR TO THOSE WHO MIGHT WRITE CONSTRUCTIVE FEATURE ARTICLES BUT ARE CONCERNED ABOUT THOSE WHOSE INTENT MIGHT BE TO WRITE "UNFAVORABLE COMMENTS." FOR THEIR OWN PRECEDENT, THEY ASSUME THAT AMERICAN MEDIA ATTENDING CULCON FOR COVERAGE PURPOSES AND NOT AS CULCON MEMBERS OR EXPERTS WILL BE TRAVELING AT EXPENSE OF OWN MEDIA ORGANIZATION. GAIMUSHO WILL BE INSTRUCTING JAPANESE EMBASSY WASHINGTON ABOUT THEIR SUGGESTION OF MATSUYAMA OF ASAHI. WE ASSURED GAIMUSHO US SIDE WOULD BE INVITING ONLY AMERICAN PRESS REPRESENTATIVES. WE HAVE CONTACTED NEITHER HALLORAN NOR OBERDORFER. I BELIEVE IT WOULD BE MOST EFFECTIVE FOR YOU TO EXTEND INVITATION THROUGH HOME OFFICES, BUT IF YOU WISH US TO CONTACT THEM, WE WILL GLADLY DO SO. SCHECHTEF SOUNDS LIKE BEST SUGGESTION SINCE HE CAN ADDITIONALLY REPRESENT LINEN.

3. JAPANESE SIDE AGREES TO PROPOSED AGENDA AND FORMAT FOR KUILIMA MEETING. THIS AS WELL AS SUGGESTIONS FOR CULCON EIGHT WERE DISCUSSED AT RECENT UNCLASSIFIED

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MEETING OF PANEL BUT NO SIGNIFICANT REACTION HJXPRESSED. TO EITHER. THEY EXPECT TO DISCUSS CULCON EIGHT PROPOSAL AT KUILIMA. GAIMUSHO INITIAL AND UNOFFICIAL REACTION WAS TO WONDER HOW HIGH LEVEL ACADEMIC TYPE SEMINAR FOR BICENTENNIAL FITS INTO OPERATIONAL AND PLANNING ROLE THAT HAS EVOLVED FOR CULCON. EMBASSY ALSO DOUBTFUL THAT ACADEMIC SEMINAR WOULD BE HELPFUL. PERHAPS WE DON'T FULLY UNDERSTAND PROPOSAL.

4. BUNKACHO DOES NOT EXPECT TO RESOLVE COLLECTED MASTERWORKS EXHIBITION PROBLEMS AT JOINT COMMITTEE MEETING. DETAILS OF EXHIBITION AND AGREEMENT CONCEIVED HERE AS BUNKACHO INTERNAL BUSINESS TO BE

RESOLVED DIRECTLY WITH AMERICAN MUSEUM REPS, RATHER
THAN CULCON AFFAIR. FYI, ADACHI IS WRITING TO
SHERMAN LEE (LETTER DATED MAY 30) WITH LATZFT
PROPOSALS AND QUESTIONS ON FINANCING, WHICH APPEAR
TO BE NEARING RESOLUTION. ALSO, AS BACKGROUND INFO
ONLY, BUNKACHO INDICATES THAT SINCE EARLY INSURANCE
EVALUATIONS APPEAR TO BE TOO LOW AND PREMIUMS WILL
BE HIGHER THAN U.S. SIDE ESTIMATED, ECONOMIZING IS
NECESSARY ELSEWHERE. NO COURIERS, FOR INSTANCE.
BUNKACHO MAY BE INFORMING JAPAN SOCIETY THAT JAPAN
CANNOT FUND SHINTO EXHIBITION FOR U.S. IN SAME
FISCAL YEAR AS PLANNED.
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